

**GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
LIST OF TOPICS FOR 2005 SESSION**

Scheduled for Tuesday, January 25

- ❖ Increase in the number of suicides at the Correction's Institutions and review the Ombudsman's latest report on suicides.
- ❖ State Public Defender appointment of suspended judge from the 7th Judicial District.
- ❖ Alcohol Beverage Division - Review the Request for Proposal (RFP) for warehouse operations and discuss approval of appealed liquor license suspensions or revocations.

Scheduled for Wednesday, January 26

- ❖ Lottery Authority, Department of Inspections and Appeals, Department of Public Safety to provide update on issues relating to electrical and mechanical devices.

Other Proposed Topics

Please prioritize the following list using a (1) for must do this Session, (2) for should do this Session, and (3) for could wait until the Interim.

_____ Sentencing Reform Possibilities (excluding mandatory minimums)

_____ Iowa Prison Industries – discussion of utilization by State Agencies and the need for the legislature to strengthen requirements relating to providing additional work for treatment, vocational education, and rehabilitation of inmates.

_____ Child Support Recovery Unit Update – update on the process, the rapidity of response to citizens on concerns, the collection of funds and problematic areas with collections, other problems, and anything that may need legislative assistance.

_____ Board of Regents Update – a status report from the task force appointed to make recommendations regarding the future on the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton.

_____ State Public Defender – discuss the cost effectiveness of expanding the Office vs. private attorneys. Provide 5 year history of budget, expenditures, employed State staff and contract staff, and case wins vs. losses.

_____ Preservation, storage, and retrieval of important documents. Discussion with the Secretary of State, the Department of Corrections, the Courts, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Administrative Services.

_____ Board of Regents – Discussion of procurement practices as a model for State Government.

_____ Follow-up on responses to questions posed to the Information Technology Enterprise and Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board regarding electronic submission system.

_____ Gamblers Treatment Program – follow-up on expanding services options to include residential treatment services.

_____ Rehabilitative Treatment and Support Services (RTSS) – Department of Human Services and RTSS Providers provide ongoing updates to the Committee regarding billing and repayment issues.

_____ Department of Education – Meet with the Committee to discuss and explain the impacts of federal actions regarding programs funded by Medicaid for Iowa school districts. Provide list of school districts affected.

_____ HAVA – Update by the Secretary of State's Office on funding, expenditures, and meeting federal implementation goals. (report to Committee early to mid February)

_____ Attorney General's Office, County Attorney Offices, and law enforcement – discuss issues relating to oversight of County Attorney Offices and the impact on law enforcement requirements of plea bargaining.

_____ Department of Human Service and Department of Public Health programs – provide an update on the review of duplicative programs within these State agencies and determine what actions have been or will be taken to consolidate, eliminate, or streamline the identified programs.

_____ Department of Administrative Services and Legislative Services Agency Staff – provide an update regarding the water damage in the Capitol and why it was not detected sooner, problems with the elevators in the Capitol not working, and any security lapses that exist in the Capitol or surrounding State buildings especially on weekends and holidays.

_____ Ag Finance Authority – update on projects funded, status of the projects, and return on investment for Iowa.

Please return this completed survey form electronically to Sam Leto (sam.letto@legis.state.ia.us) or Doug Wulf (doug.wulf@legis.state.ia.us) at LSA by Noon January 24, 2005.